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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: LIST OF OFFICIALS

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1. LIMITING PERSONS FOR WHOM BIOS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO THOSE WITH WHOM THE PRESIDENT OR MRS. CARTER CAN "REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME EFFECTIVE INTERACTION" (REFTEL A), WE SUGGEST THE REVISED LIST SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: PRESIDENT REDDY; VICE PRESIDENT JATTI; PRIME MINISTER DESAI; CABINET MINISTERS BARNALA, BHUSHAN, DHARIA, FERNANDES, PATEL, RAM, CHARAN SINGH, VAJPAYEE AND R. VARMA; MINISTER OF STATE S. KUNDU (MEA); PARTY LEADERS CHANDRA SHEKHAR (JANATA), AND BRAHMANANDA REDDI (CONGRESS), AND Y.B. CHAVAN (CONGRESS); LOK SABHA SPEAKER K.S. HEGDE, PM'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, V. SHANKAR; FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA, IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA; AND J.P. NARAYAN.

2. WE THUS ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR BIOS BE DELETED: HEALTH MINISTER RAJ NARAIN, THE THREE SERVICE CHIEFS, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT MEA, THE DELHI OFFICIALS, CHIEF JUSTICE BEG, AND MEA OFFICIALS VELLODI AND ASRANI.

3. THE ONLY WIFE EXPECTED TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE
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VISIT IS MRS. SANJIVA REDDY. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER DESAI, WHOSE WIFE IS ILL AND DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC LIFE OF HER HUSBAND, IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY MISS MANIBEN PATEL, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHO IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE SARDAR PATEL. WE WILL FORWARD AVAILABLE BIO DATA ON MRS. SANJIVA REDDY AND MISS MANIBEN PATEL.
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